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June 1, 1978

Dr. Hector P. Garcia 1315 Bright Street Corpus Christi, Texas 78405

Estimado Doctor Garcia:

As a native of Corpus Christi, Texas if asked who was or is the greatest person I have known, past or present, without hesitation I would say Dr. Hector P. Garcia; the greatest American from the U.S. of Latino descent.

Doctor, I do not and will never agree at all with your political philosophy and what you do to perpetuate the political process of this country as it is now. It's not only you but all the Mexican American "leaders" that I have problems with. And being that the norms are, we are told, part of a democracy where the majority rules and I as the only one outside the existing norms, you and yours are right and I am wrong. I really mean this.

My feelings for you developed from the respect I have for your sincere concern for our community. I know of no one, besides myself, that is doing for the community first and their personal interest second. It has always been the other way around with the others.

Besides, the above, the reason for this letter is to let you know that whatever the outcome of Saturday's election (June 3) you will still be the recognized leader by the Westside. So, please, whatever the scheme of things of those in power, you have earned, right or wrong, your place in Corpus.

Because of the natural process and who they are, Ruben Bonilla and Solomon Ortiz are placed by condition and time where they are. Yet Ruben Bonilla is only a leader of events and if he has any material aspirations, he will be made to quit by the process. Solomon Ortiz is the stopper of losing the Westside hope if something was to happen to you.

Whoever wins Saturday, the Westside needs you and because I love mi linda raza above all else, I need you, too.

Sunday, June 4, 1978 will be the beginning of the rest of our lives.

With all its beauty and splendor, we will continue having all kinds of problems. Hopefully, we will have the strength to continue doing what we love, helping all people live a little bit better.

Sin mas,

Sinceramente

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